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Chinese Patent Publication No. CN-1431121 appears to disclose a bicycle gear controller for a bicycle driving gear. An English abstract of the corresponding European document is attached to better understand this publication.

Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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